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Attention: Michael E. Shuttleworth, Senior Planner

Subject: DOS/EIS-0333, EA 01-28/CUP 01-11; Washington Winds, Inc.
Maiden Wind Farm - Draft NEPA/SEPA Environmental Impact Statement
Related to EA 01-27 & CUP 01-15

We have reviewed the proposed Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). WSDOT responded to the initial proposed development in a letter dated May 3, 2001. We also responded to the proposed placement of temporary meteorological towers on May 10, 2001. We have the following comments concerning the DEIS.

The DEIS mitigation indicates that overweight permits will need to be obtained from Yakima and Benton Counties Public Works Departments. Overweight and oversize permits will also be required from WSDOT for any hauls meeting the criteria.

The characteristics of two state highways were incorrectly identified. The posted speed limit for SR 241 is 55 mile per hour, and SR 24 is classified as a rural-minor arterial. Table 3.9-1 does correctly identify SR 24's classification.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposed project. If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact John Gruber at (509) 577-1636.

Sincerely,

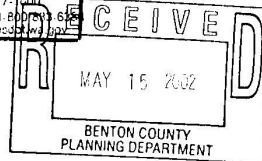
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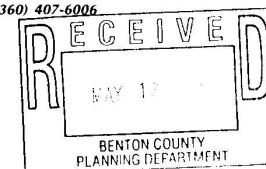


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May 10, 2002

Mr. Mike Shuttleworth
Benton County Planning
1002 Dudley Ave
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Dear Mr. Shuttleworth:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Maiden Wind Farm project proposed by Washington Winds Inc. (#DOE/EIS-0333). We have reviewed the draft EIS and have the following comments.

In addition to the permits listed on page 1-6 of the draft EIS the following permits may be required:

Water Quality

The owner of a construction site which disturbs five acres or more of total land area, and which has or will have a discharge of storm water to surface water or to a storm sewer, must apply for coverage under Ecology's Baseline General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities.

The proponent must schedule an inspection by Ecology to determine the need for a storm water construction permit. Please contact Ray Latham at (509) 575-2807 to schedule an inspection.

Water Resources

Chapter 90.03 RCW Surface Water Code and Chapter 90.44 RCW Regulation of Public Ground Waters (wells). If the proponent plans to use water for dust suppression at your site, be sure that you have a legal water right. A water right permit is required for all surface water withdrawal and for any water from a well that will exceed 5,000 gallons per day. If in doubt, check with Department of Ecology, Water Resources. Temporary permits are usually obtainable in a short time-period. The concern of Water Resources is for existing water rights. In some instances water may need to be obtained from a different area and hauled in or from an existing water right holder.

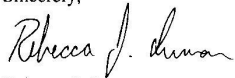


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If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources comments, please contact
Suzanne Blakeney at (509) 454-7294.

Thank you again for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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EIS #021672

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May 17, 2002

Bonneville Power Administration
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Dear Ms Branum:

**SUBJECT: NEPA/SEPA - Draft Environmental Impact Statement DOE/EIS-0333,
Maiden Wind Farm, Bonneville Power Administration, Construct up to 549
wind turbines, associated access roads, water crossing structures, and
associated facilities in the Rattlesnake Hills, Benton and Yakima Counties,
Washington.**

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) reviewed the above-referenced National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) document and offers the following comments at this time. Other comments may be offered as the project progresses.

Permitting

It appears from the general description of the project, that a Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA; Chapter 77.55 RCW, WAC 220-110) to be issued by WDFW, will be required for the project. The road construction and crossing of Sulphur Creek require an HPA. The other ephemeral streams that are crossed need further review to determine if an HPA is required. Early involvement with WDFW will facilitate processing of the HPA. Once final design plans are available, please submit a completed Joint Aquatic Resource Permits Application (JARPA) for an HPA, including complete plans and specifications, to WDFW for review.

Wetland Impacts

Although the DEIS identifies wetlands within the project scope, there is insufficient information to determine to what extent they will be affected by the project. The proposed access roads and other associated structures should be located to avoid impacts to these wetlands. In instances